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EVALUATION OF FUNDS SPENT UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any critical evaluation of funds spent under MPLADS has been made so far by CAG etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government are aware that a good deal of the funds have been spent in Delhi by MPs on paving theservice lanes in colonies and providing streetlights far in excess of the real need;

(c) if so, whether paving the service lanes is leading to stopping of water returning to the soil and causing shortage of water thereby; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTEROF STATE (INDEPENDENTCHARGE)OF THEMINISTRYOF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIC
(SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes Sir. The CAG in its report for theperiod ending March, 2000 has pointed out certain violation of the guidelines on MPLADS, such as execution of works without recommendation of the concerned MP, sanction of works for commercial/private organisations, irregular expenditure on repair and maintenance works, purchase of stores, etc.

(b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) hasinformed that some cases of paving the service lanes in colonies and providing street lights have been taken up under MPLADS.The need for paving of service lanes and providing street lights was examined and approved by the competent authority.

(c)&(d) Paving of lanes is decided keeping in view the essential requirements like mobility o f pedestrians, vehicles, improving hygiene, reducing mosquito breeding etc. Now- a-days water harvesting measures are available which help the return of water to the soil.